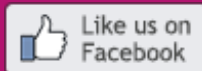


# February 2017 Newsletter

Vice Mayor

*Magdalena Carrasco*

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East San José



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## Upcoming Events

[Cafecito en la Escuela](#)  
Feb. 22 |  
5 pm-9pm  
Mexican Heritage Plaza  
1700 Alum Rock Ave  
Co-Sponsored by  
Vice Mayor Carrasco

[CA Building Code  
Changes Meeting](#)  
February 24  
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
San Jose City Hall

*Si desea leer este boletín en Español, por favor envíenos un email a  
[district5@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district5@sanjoseca.gov).*

## **Flooding Update**

Because of extremely high flows and current flooding along Coyote Creek today, the City is now advising residents in low-lying areas near the creek to evacuate their homes and businesses. The most recent information can be obtained at [www.sanjoseca.gov](http://www.sanjoseca.gov) or [www.valleywater.org](http://www.valleywater.org). If you want to check what areas are in danger of flooding, check the [flood map](#).

Here are some options for those looking to evacuate:

1. One of two evacuation centers, where residents can make calls, get information, connect with family and friends, get some water and snacks, and stay dry:a.
  - Mayfair Community Center - 2039 Kammerer Ave 95116
  - Shirakawa Community Center - 2072 Lucretia Ave 95122
2. Red Cross has opened its Overnight Shelter at James Lick High School (57 N. White Rd 95127). This shelter cannot accept pets, but residents can take their pets to the San Jose Animal Shelter for safekeeping at 2750 Monterey Road, San Jose.

Currently, the City are not accepting donations, but those who wish to donate can do so through the [Red Cross website](#).

My office will continue to update as information becomes available.

200 E. Santa Clara St. |  
Wing Rooms 118-119

**10th Annual Senior  
Winter Walk &  
Resource Fair**

February 28  
8:30 am-10:30 am  
Macy's Court

**Community Budget  
Meeting**

March 4 | 9 am- 11 am  
Emma Prusch Park -  
Multicultural  
Room  
647 King Rd

**Announcements**

**SpeedUp San Jose**

Take a test to check your  
internet speed.

**Own a Vacant Lot?**

Turn your vacant lot into  
active agricultural use for  
exchange of property tax  
benefit.

**Los Lagos  
Conversation**

Fill out a survey and  
attend community  
workshops.

**VITA Free Tax  
Preparation**

Every Saturday  
Feb 4 - April 1  
2 pm - 5pm  
Hillview Branch Library  
1600 Hopkins Dr.

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

**Baltazar's  
Business Corner**

The Alum Rock corridor  
has been impacted by the  
BRT construction so its  
important that we continue  
to support our local  
merchants.

This month try Sante Fe  
Taqueria, one of San Jose's  
best eateries.

As part of a chain of  
Mexican grocery stores,  
Santa Fe Taqueria offers  
traditional Mexican dishes  
like tacos and tortas with a  
little American flare with



Dear Neighbor,

In January I was appointed by the Mayor and City Council as Vice Mayor of San Jose. I am humbled by the nomination and honored that for the first time in over 30 years a representative of East San Jose is in this position. We held a fantastic community celebration on Friday, February 10th, if you didn't make I have included some photos below.

Each year our committee assignments change, [HERE](#) is an updated list. In addition to City committee's I also serve on the Sister Cities executive board of directors. I was recently asked to join the County's Prostitution Prevention and Harm Reduction Subcommittee We will be tackling issues like prostitution and human trafficking by bringing stakeholders towards a shared vision of justice for exploited individuals and healthier and safer families and communities.

As many of you have heard, there have been reports of ICE officers detaining immigrants across the country and in California. While there have been no verified reports of ICE agents in San Jose, I want to make sure everyone is aware of their rights and can share that information with their friends and families. For more information and to download a free card you can carry with you and hand to ICE agents instead of speaking, [click here](#). Additionally, Santa Clara County has compiled a Know Your Rights list and additional resources that can be viewed [here](#).

If you're looking for places to go to find out more in our local community here is a list of upcoming events related to immigration:

- [International Rescue Committee Citizenship Application Assistance](#) - Alum Rock Library (3090 Alum Rock Ave)  
Feb 24, 12 - 4 p.m.
- SIREN Immigration Legal Clinic (More Information) -  
MLK Library (15- E. San Fernando Street), Feb 28, 1 - 5  
p.m.

their take on Nacho Fries and Burritos.

Restaurant Hours:

Monday - Sunday  
7:00am - 10:00pm

Restaurant Location:

942 S White Rd  
San Jose, CA 95109

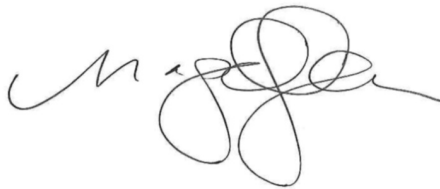
Phone #: 408-258-2599

*If you would like your business to be featured, please email [Barbara](#).*

- [International Rescue Committee Citizenship Application Assistance](#)- Alum Rock Library (3090 Alum Rock Ave), March 1, 3:30 - 6 p.m.
- Citizenship Workshop - Mayfair Community Center (2039 Kammerer Ave), March 18, 10 a.m., 12 p.m., and 2 p.m. To register, please call (408) 340-9956.
- SIREN Immigration Legal Clinic ([More Information](#)) - Tully Branch Library (880 Tully Rd), March 28, 1 - 5 p.m.

Mayor Sam Liccardo launched #BeautifySJ in his 2017 State of the City speech to rally residents to reclaim their public spaces and empower the community to aesthetically demonstrate their pride in our city. Please visit [beautifysj.org](#) to report problem, organize, and volunteer! You can review his full speech [here](#).

We have entered budget season, and would love to see you at our [first budget meeting](#) to get your input on projects and services for your neighborhood.



Vice Mayor/ Vicealcalde,  
Magdalena Carrasco

[Email Your Councilmember](#)

## **VTA'S BART SILICON VALLEY PHASE II EXTENSION PROJECT - DRAFT SEIS/SEIR COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED**

Hello BART Transit Village Advocates!



Just letting you know that VTA has announced that...

The public review and comment period for the VTA's BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension Project Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (Draft SEIS/SEIR) has been extended from February 20, 2017 to March 6, 2017.

Written comments on the Draft SEIS/SEIR should be sent to:

Email: [BARTPhase2EIS-EIR@vta.org](mailto:BARTPhase2EIS-EIR@vta.org)

Mail:

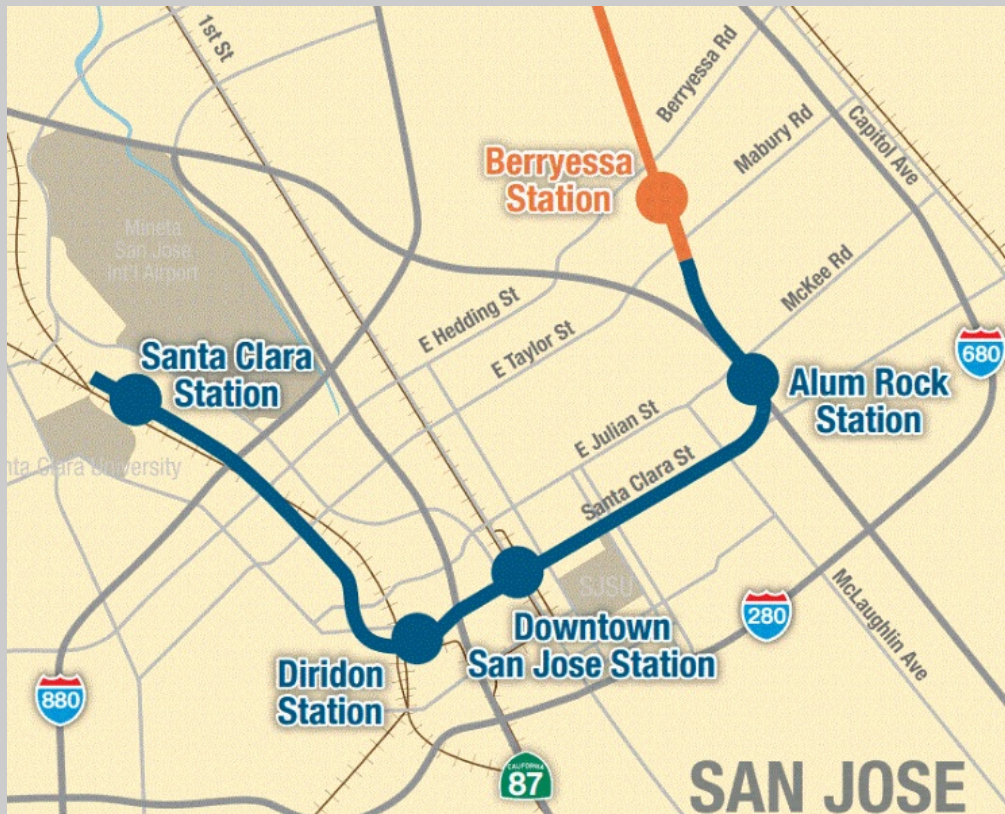
Tom Fitzwater,  
BART Silicon Valley Environmental Planning Manager  
VTA Environmental Programs & Resources Management, Building B-2  
3331 North First Street, San Jose, CA 9513



Comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 6, 2017.

Please check out the website to review the Draft SEIS/SEIR document [here](#).

If you would also like our office to know what your feedback is to VTA, please contact [Sabrina Parra-Garcia](#).



### **Civil Disobedience / Resistance Training - Capacitación de Desobediencia Civil / Resistencia**

It is time to stand together with love and power to protect our community and organize for justice!

¡Es el momento de estar unidos en amor y poder a fin de proteger nuestra comunidad y organizar para lograr la justicia!



Please [register here](#). Por favor, [regístrese aquí](#).

**Sat, Feb 25, 2:00-8:00pm | Sab, 25 de feb, 2:00-8:00pm**  
**Westminster Presbyterian Church**  
**1100 Shasta Ave, San Jose 95126**

**CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE CHANGES- FREE PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

Property owners, trade professionals and anyone who is interested can learn about the recent significant changes to the building codes at this free public workshop. The State of California updates the building codes every three years, and the revised 2016 codes have now replaced the 2013 codes. Please see the workshop [flyer](#) for details and session topics.



**Feb. 24, 2017 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.**  
**District 5 Vacancy for Housing and Community Development Commission**  
**San Jose City Hall | 200 E. Santa Clara St.**

**Wing Committee Meeting Rooms 118-119**

District 5 is in need of some **Validated parking provided.**

Development Commission. A commissioner's term

**will last 4 years and the commission meets on the 1st of**

month. This Commission is charged with making

recommendations to the Housing Department and the

City Council regarding existing and proposed housing

programs and policies that further San José's housing

and community development goals. Prioritization of federal funds allocated to the City is

also a key responsibility. Another important function of the Commission is to provide

input to City staff on implementation of the City's Apartment and Mobilehome Rent

Ordinances.



Examples of the types of activities that the Commission will engage in include:

- Provide recommendations on the Housing Department's Five-Year Housing Investment Plan that will guide the Department on the use of housing funds.
- Provide input to HUD action plans which steers the Department on federal funding for services to: end homelessness, serve seniors, engage community members in low-income neighborhoods, and;
- Provide recommendations on the fees assessed for the Housing Department's administration of the City's Rent Ordinances (Mobile home Parks and Apartments).

Applicants must meet certain requirements such as

- Being an elected member of a neighborhood organization in a low or moderate income neighborhood (51% of the neighborhood is at or below 80 % of the area median income as defined by HUD.
- Residing in HUD priority areas such as Santee, Mayfair, and Five Wounds/Brookwood Terrace; or
- Employed by an organization and its primary purpose is to serve the interests of low-income residents.

If you are interested in serving on this commission, or have any more questions regarding duties and responsibilities, please reach out to Housing Department Staff at 408-975-4402.

For more information, please visit the family camp [website](#).

### **FREE LARGE ITEM PICKUPS**

Residents have the opportunity to request FREE curbside large item pickups. Single family homes are allowed up to TWO Pick Up Appointments with three-items each pickup for a total of 6 items a year! This is the perfect opportunity for residents to get rid of large bulky items such as mattresses, furniture,

refrigerators, etc. All pickups must be arranged through California Waste Solutions directly by calling (408) 213-7800 or by visiting [California Waste Solutions](#).



### *Apartments & Condos*

Apartment and condominium residents with communal garbage dumpster service can contact their property managers at California Waste Solutions directly to arrange for free large item collections.

Businesses, too, can arrange for large item collection [online](#).

Recycling your large items keeps them out of the landfill and helps San José achieve its Zero Waste goal and keeps our neighborhoods clean.

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## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

### **SpeedUp San Jose**

SpeedUp San Jose is a project by the City to find out if our residents and businesses are receiving the internet they pay for. We are asking you to answer a couple of questions and take a speed test. By giving just a few minutes, you will help us increase transparency around internet quality and costs.

Once the test is complete and we have a better idea of the quality of internet speeds across San Jose we can take the steps necessary to ensure you get the internet you pay for.

Please follow this [link](#) to start the speed test.

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### **Got a vacant lot under one acre?**

Got a vacant lot under one acre? The Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone program, approved by the City Council in November, enables a contract between the City of San José and a property owner of vacant, unimproved, or blighted property under one acre whereby the property owner agrees to keep the property in active agricultural use for a period of five years in exchange for a property tax benefit. The site must meet a range of criteria, including no dwellings are allowed and the site must have water service. Visit [www.sanjoseca.gov/UrbanAgZone](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/UrbanAgZone) for details and the application form.

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### **Los Lagos: Community Conversation Initiative**

The Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) Department is requesting your support in the outreach process for the Los Lagos Golf Course: A Community Conversation initiative. This project focuses on community engagement to discuss the future of Los Lagos Golf Course - one of three municipal golf courses in the City of San Jose. Residents will have opportunities to share ideas about the future of the course through:

1. Online and in-person surveys; and
2. Community workshops

All documents are available for download in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. General project description, surveys and fliers, and project updates may be accessed through <http://www.loslagosoutreach.com>.

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### **Our City Forest Volunteers**

Local environmental non-profit, Our City Forest, is recruiting now for service-oriented people to join their award winning AmeriCorps team. Positions begin in mid-March and are full-time with a 6-month commitment. Visit

[ourcityforest.org/american-corps](http://ourcityforest.org/american-corps) to learn more about the program, positions, and how to apply!

Our City Forest (OCF) also has weekly volunteer opportunities for people of all ages. Like plants? Like people? Visit [ourcityforest.org/calendar](http://ourcityforest.org/calendar) to see upcoming events and how to sign up!

Interested in becoming a dedicated volunteer? OCF is hosting a new Tree Amigo course for those who want to commit to greening their community. The class is part online, part in-person and begins Feb. 11. Learn more and apply at [ourcityforest.org/tree-amigo](http://ourcityforest.org/tree-amigo).

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### **Free Mulch Program**

ChipDrop is offering a free mulch program for gardeners and homeowners in District 5. They connect people with local tree companies who are willing to drop off whole truck loads of wood chip mulch for free.

For more information, please visit ChipDrop's [website](#).

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# COMMUNITY BUDGET MEETING

## REUNION COMUNITARIA DEL

### PRESUPUESTO



**Saturday, March 4th**  
**Sábado, 4 de Marzo**

**9:00AM - 11:00AM**  
**Emma Prusch Park-Multicultural**  
**Room**  
**647 King Rd**  
**San Jose, CA 95116**

Join *Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco* and *Mayor Sam Liccardo* for the annual district budget meeting! This is an opportunity to share **your priorities** for projects and services you want to see in your neighborhoods.

Call us at 408-535-4905 or email us at [district5@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district5@sanjoseca.gov) for additional information.

*Acompañen Vicealcalde Magdalena Carrasco y Alcaldé Sam Liccardo en la reunión anual sobre el presupuesto del distrito. Esta es una oportunidad para compartir sus prioridades para proyectos y servicios que quieren ver en sus vecindades.*

Llame al 408-535-4905 o por correo electrónico a [district5@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district5@sanjoseca.gov) para más información.

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Do you want more  
programs or services  
in our community?

¿Quieres más  
servicios o programas  
en nuestra comunidad?

Where do you want  
to see your  
taxes invested?

¿Donde quiere  
ver sus impuestos  
invertidos?





Hosted by Councilmembers  
Johnny Khamis,  
Donald Rocha & Sergio Jimenez

10TH ANNUAL  
SENIOR WINTER WALK  
& RESOURCE FAIR

FRIDAY FEB. 24, 2017  
8:30AM-10:30AM

MACY'S COURT

FREE Continental Breakfast!  
FREE On-site Registration!



For more information 408.535.4910 | [district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov)

Wed. Feb. 22 | Th. March 23 | 5-9pm

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